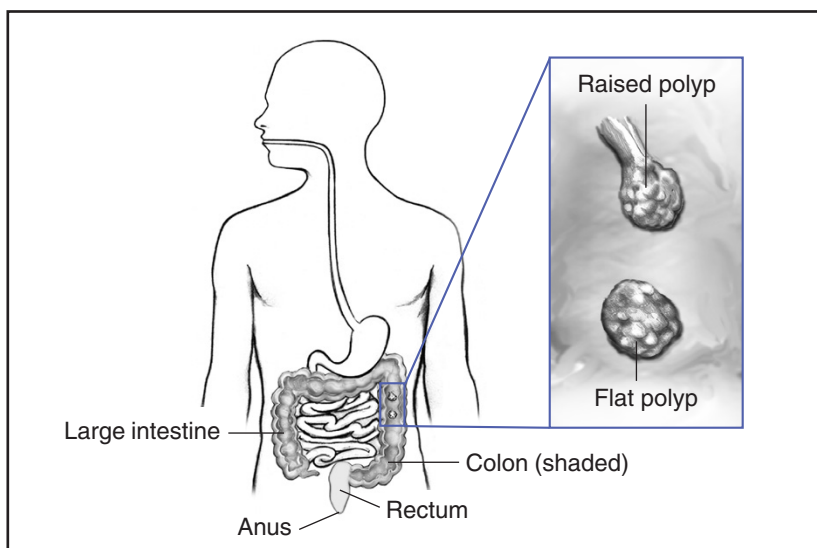


What are colon polyps?

Colon polyps* are extra pieces of tissue that grow on the lining of the colon or **rectum**. The colon and rectum are parts of the large **intestine**. The large intestine absorbs water from stool and changes it from a liquid to a solid form. Stool is the solid waste that passes through the rectum and **anus** as a bowel movement.

Colon polyps can be raised or flat. Raised colon polyps are growths shaped like mushrooms. They look as though they are on a stem or stalk. Flat colon polyps look like a bed of moss. Sometimes, a person can have more than one colon polyp.



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*See the Pronunciation Guide for tips on how to say the words in **bold** type.